

BOATERS BEWARE!

Help prevent the spread of

Quagga Mussels

DON'T LET THEM RIDE WITH YOU!

Quagga mussels in California waters could result in an environmental and economic disaster. They can cause a shift in native species and disrupt the ecological balance of entire bodies of water. Transferring a boat from infested waters may allow the spread of Quagga mussels, or the closely related zebra mussels.



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Don't spread this invasive species!

When leaving the water, the California Department of Fish and Game urges all users of recreational watercraft to follow these key suggestions:

Inspect all exposed surfaces – Quagga mussels will feel like sandpaper to the touch.

Thoroughly wash the hull of each watercraft, removing all plants and animal material.

Drain any water through the vessel's hull plug, and ensure the area is dry.

Ensure the vessel's lower outboard unit is drained and dry.

Clean and dry any live-well aboard the vessel.

Empty and dry any buckets.

Any vessel traveling from one freshwater water body to another should remain dry and out of water for five days.

Dispose of all bait in the trash.

